31st October 1935]

Public Works

Representation from the Municipal Council, Vellore, regarding the opening of a wicket gate on the southern side of the Fort.

* 363 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government or the Board of Revenue received any representation from the Municipality of Vellore regarding the opening of a wicket gate on the southern side of the Fort;

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken by the Government;

(*c*) from what time this wicket gate was open and when it was closed and why; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of this House the correspondence between the district officials and the Government, and the grounds on which such action was taken?

A.—(*a*) The Board of Revenue received a representation in May 1935.

(*b*) The Board agreed with the Collector that no inconvenience was caused to the public by the closure of the entrance. The matter did not come up to Government.

(*c*) & (*d*) There is no information to show from what time the gate was open. It was closed in 1931. The Collector's letter, dated the 5th June 1935, explaining the circumstances in which the gate was closed is placed on the table.[a]

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"The main objection for opening the wicket gate is that loafers are loitering in the place and so on. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether that could not be prevented by posting a constable on duty at the place?" 11-30 a.m.

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"The easier of the two alternatives was the closing of the gate."

Electrification of the District and the Sub-Court premises of Salem.

* 364 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the buildings of the Judicial Department in Salem, especially the premises of the District and the Sub-Judge's Courts are not provided with electric lights and fans when the town has been electrified long ago; and

(*b*) when they are likely to be electrified, and what will be the approximate cost of the scheme?

A.—In July 1934, the Government approved an expenditure of Rs. 6,970 on the electrification of the following buildings:—

District Court-house buildings, Salem.

Principal District Munsif's Court at Salem.

District Munsif's Court, Sankari at Salem.

The work will be carried out when funds become available.

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[a] Printed as Appendix IX on pages 329-330 infra.